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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER
AND MINTOFF

1. BASED ON MY DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON WITH THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, I TODAY INFORMED JOE CAMILLERI (MINTOFF'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AND SECRETARY TO THE CABINET) OF THE SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO SEE MINTOFF BRIEFLY IN SOME EUROPEAN CITY DURING ONE OF THE SECRETARY'S FUTURE VISITS TO THE CONTINENT, PERHAPS EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

2. AS I ANTICIPATED, CAMILLERI WAS VERY PLEASED AT THIS DIRECT CONFIRMATION OF SIMILAR WORD THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED FROM THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. CAMILLERI REITERATED THAT ALTHOUGH MINTOFF HAD A "VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE" TO CONVEY TO THE SECRETARY, "ONLY A FEW MINUTES" OF THE SECRETARY'S TIME WOULD BE NECESSARY. HE SAID MINTOFF WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO TRAVEL TO WHATEVER CITY THE SECRETARY MAY DESIGNATE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. I TOLD CAMILLERI THAT I WOULD INFORM HIM OF THE POSSIBLE PLACE AND DATE WHEN WE LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS IN THE NEW YEAR. HE SAID MINTOFF'S ONLY TRAVEL PLANS IN THE NEAR FUTURE WERE TO ATTEND THE JANUARY 18-19 MEETING OF SOCIAL
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DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN COPENHAGEN AND A POSSIBLE VISIT

TO GREECE, PERHAPS IN FEBRUARY.

4. CAMILLERI REMINED ME THAT MINTOFF'S STANDING
INVITATION FOR THE SECRETARY TO VISIT MALTA, HOWEVER
BRIEFLY, STILL STOOD. I DISCOURAGED THIS AND SAID
I DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE
WOULD PERMIT SUCH A STOP HERE. SMITH

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